



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
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Washington, D.C. 20447

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**Dear Tribal Leader
Tribal College President
President and CEO's of Native American Non-profit Organizations
Program Directors
Title I School Administrators**

Re: The Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Native American Initiative with Gifts In Kind International

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt today announced a Native American Initiative designed to facilitate the entry of tribal governments, tribal colleges and Native American non-profit organizations into the charitable donation stream of products distributed by Gifts In Kind International (GIKI). The enclosed press release announces the Initiative as a collaboration between the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) and GIKI to communicate the availability of product donations from private sector and Fortune 500 firms.

The Administration for Native Americans is a Federal agency at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, that is dedicated to improving the social and economic conditions of Native Americans in the United States and the Pacific Basin. ANA operates a discretionary grant program that provides project seed funding to Tribes, tribal colleges, and Native American non-profit organizations.

Gifts In Kind International is the world's leading charity in product philanthropy and the third largest charity in the United States. In 2003, GIKI coordinated the donation of \$800 million in products to non-profit organizations around the world. During the past two years, with ANA's collaboration, GIKI successfully distributed \$14 million in product donation to Tribes and Native American organizations in 8 states.

44% of all Fortune 500 companies partner with GIKI, which designs and manages the donation process to over 200,000 non-profits. The types of products available through GIKI include office supplies and equipment, computers, software, health and personal care products, clothing, books, toys and building materials.

Tribes, tribal colleges, and Native American non-profit organizations are eligible to receive donations once they are registered with Gifts In Kind International (GIKI).

Interested organizations should contact GIKI at 1-703-299-7546 or email: patherton@giftsinkind.org. Registration may also be done on-line by going to the Gifts In Kind website www.giftsinkind.org and accessing the Native American Initiative.

Currently, GIKI is facilitating the distribution of recycled Dell 3-in-1 printers (print, copy, fax) through a generous donation from Dell Inc. These printers are available to Tribes, tribal colleges, Native American non-profit organizations, and local school districts that receive Title I funding.

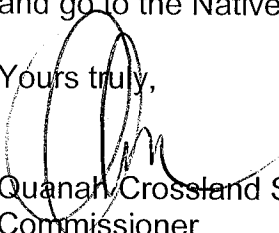
To become a Dell Receiving and Distribution Site your organization must register with Gifts In Kind International, have a secure storage space available and the means to unload a tractor-trailer rapidly. There are no administrative or transportation charges to receive or distribute the printers; however the organizations must be registered with Gifts in Kind International. The registration fee of \$100 is a special rate for Tribes and Native American non-profit organizations, and allows access to all of Gifts in Kind International's programs and products.

GIKI is also interested in establishing distribution centers in Native American communities and on American Indian Reservations. Distribution Centers are the single point of contact and coordination between GIKI and the community organization or tribal government, for the distribution of Fortune 500 donated products to locally-based Native American non-profit community organizations and tribal agencies.

On behalf of the Administration for Native Americans, we look forward to working with you as we facilitate access to the resources available through GIKI.

Please contact Gifts In Kind International at 1-703-299-7546 or go to www.giftsinkind.org, to start the registration process, to receive the Dell printers, and to start the process of establishing locally-based distribution centers. You may also access Gifts In Kind's website through ANA's website: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/ and go to the Native American Initiative.

Yours truly,



Quanah Crossland Stamps
Commissioner
Administration for Native Americans

Enclosure